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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks Alexandria, VA 22313 Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 7, 2005, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Any extension of time necessary to prevent abandonment has been requested, and any fee necessary for consideration of this paper has been authorized to be charged to Deposit Account Number 07-2320.